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FM AMCONSUL LAHORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0248

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

AMCONSUL KARACHI IMMEDIATE

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BEIRUT AND BRUSSELS FOR FAA

ISLAMABAD ALSO FOR ODRP

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CASC (WOOLDRIDGE, BART)

SUBJECT: MISSING U.S. AIRCRAFT

REF: LAHORE 1542

1. MR. S.A. SHAH, SENIOR INSPECTOR OF AIRCRAFT, GOP
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION, LAHORE, CALLED DPO LATE
NOV 23. SHAH SAID HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY DIRECTOR
GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA) RIZVI TO INVESTIGATE
REPORTED AIRCRAFT WRECK IN CHOLISTAN DESERT. HE INDIRECTED
HE WOULD BEGIN HIS INQUIRIES IMMEDIATELY, AND ASKED FOR OUR
COOPERATION.

2. SHAH HAD HEARD THAT USG INVESTIGATING TEAM HAD
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REMOVED CERTAIN PIECES OF AIRCRAFT FROM WRECK SITE FOR

IDENTIFICATION AND ASKED IF TRUE. DPO RESPONDED THAT TEAM HAD LEFT SOME PARTS IN KHANPUR, AND THAT CAPTAIN MAUSOLF HAD TAKEN FOUR OR FIVE OTHER PIECES OF DEBRIS TO ISLAMABAD. SHAH REQUESTED THAT PIECES IN ISLAMABAD BE RETURNED TO HIM ASAP, ALONG WITH INFORMATION AS TO HOW HE COULD OBTAIN PIECES IN KHANPUR.

3. WHEN ASKED WHAT ROLE HE ENVISIONED FOR FAA, SHAH SAID THAT WOULD BE UP TO FAA AND SUGGESTED THAT CONGEN INVITE FAA PARTICIPATION. HE SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE FAA REPRESENTATIVE INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT ALONG-SIDE HIM. HE HOPED TO GET MOVING AT ONCE AND ASKED DPO TO INFORM HIM OF NAME OF FAA INVESTIGATOR AND HIS TRAVEL PLANS. DPO DOUBTED WHETHER ANY RESPONSE COULD BE RECEIVED FROM FAA UNTIL MONDAY, NOV 25. HE ASKED SHAH TO DELAY STARTING UNTIL THAT TIME. SHAH AGREED, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE URGENTLY NEEDED INFORMATION ABOUT FAA REP, IF FAA WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN INVESTIGATION.

4. WHEN WE TRIED TO REACH SHAH EARLY MORNING NOV 25, WE LEARNED THAT HE HAD PROCEEDED TO MULTAN NOV 24 TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICER AKHTAR OF DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION, SHAH WILL BE JOINED BY TWO OTHER INVESTIGATORS FROM KARACHI: CAPT. FARMAN UDDIN, DIRECTOR OF FLIGHT INSPECTIONS FROM DCA HEADQUARTERS IN KARACHI, WHO IS DESIGNATED LEADER OF TEAM; AND CHAUDHRY ATTA ILAHI, FLIGHT ENGINEER FROM DCA HEADQUARTERS IN KARACHI.

5. ACCORDING TO AKHTAR, ILAHI IS ON WAY TO MULTAN AS THIS BEING SENT AND FARMAN UDDIN WILL LEAVE RAWALPINDI FOR MULTAN AFTERNOON NOV 25. THEY HAVE ARRANGED FOR PAK ARMY HELICOPTER TO TAKE THEM TO WRECKAGE SITE NOV 26. APPARENTLY, MULTAN WILL BE BASE OF OPERATIONS, SINCE IT IS COMMERCIAL AIRPORT IN DAILY USE NEAREST TO CRASH SITE.

6 FOR ISLAMABAD: REQUEST AIRCRAFT PARTS BE RETURNED TO LAHORE ASAP FOR FORWARDING TO DCA INSPECTOR SHAH. ALSO REQUEST INFO ON WHERE SHAH CAN LOCATE PARTS LEFT IN KHANAPUR.

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7 FOR DEPARTMENT AND FAA REPS BEIRUT AND BRUSSELS: PLEASE ADVISE RE FAA PARTICIPATION IN INVESTIGATION AND WHAT WE SHOULD TELL MR. SHAH.
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